

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1 - 3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus adapted to perform ring-type multiple-address transmission, said apparatus comprising:

a memory, arranged to store image data;

a reception unit, arranged to receive image data and store the received image data to said memory;

a transmission unit, arranged to transmit the received image data ~~and the received image data~~ stored in said memory;

an identification unit, arranged to identify whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address transfer; and

a processor arranged to add transmitter information to the received image data and to cause the transmission of the received image data with image sender transmitter information added thereto as being used when said apparatus is being used as a transmitter when the start of ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected, or to cause the transmission of the received image data without ~~image sender transmitter~~ information added thereto ~~as being used when said apparatus is being used~~ as a repeater station when the transfer of

ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected,

wherein the transmitter information provides information identifying the received image data.

Claims 5-8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A communication method performing ring-type multiple-address transmission, said method comprising the steps of:

storing image data in a memory;

receiving image data and storing the received image data to the memory;

transmitting the received image data ~~and the received image data stored~~ in the memory;

identifying whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address transfer; and

transmitting the received image data with ~~image sender information~~ transmitter information added thereto ~~as being used when the apparatus is being used~~ as a transmitter when the start of ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected, or transmitting the received image data without the ~~image sender~~ transmitter information added thereto ~~as being used when the apparatus is being used~~ as a repeater station when the transfer of ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected,

wherein the transmitter information provides information identifying the

received image data.

Claim 10. (Canceled)